GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Pension to Widows and Old Age Persons
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of widows and old age persons in the country, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Union Government proposes to provide old age pension to all in proportion to their population on the lines of compulsory pension scheme of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): State/UT-wise number of widows and old age persons (60 years or more), as per the Census Data 2011 as published by Registrar General of India is at Annexure.

(b) to (d): No Madam, at present there is no proposal to provide the old age pension to all in the proportion to their population as old age pension scheme and widow pension scheme under National Social Assistance Programme, being a welfare scheme, is targeted to extend benefits only to persons belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL Category).

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